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Mr. Allen Dulles
2723 Q Street
Washington 7, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I am convinced that real retirement will be impossible for you and that you will want to write and speak out on a great number of issues. I am therefore stating my case plainly: I would be immensely proud to publish one, two, three -- any book by you, a book based on your experiences in World War II, a book on foreign policy, a book on intelligence, -- as I said, any book by you. I realize there will be many offers, many tempters, and perhaps even people with a better rationale, and of course publishers with bigger names and a greater reputation. But I believe, on the other hand, there is nobody with a stronger interest in foreign policy and in problems of national security, and probably no editor who knows more about the things about which you will want to write.

In this case I myself would want to be your editor. And we do sell quite effectively and by the time a book by you would be ready we would also be larger and more effective. Of course, you will not say yes at this time, but I hope you will say maybe and keep the door open.

Very sincerely yours,

Frederick A. Praeger

P.S. The Herald Tribune said a while back that you want to first "polish up a book he wrote more than a decade ago" concerning the German surrender in Italy and offer it for publication. This too, of course, would be lovely.